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(இ) இல்லையாயின், காரணமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) It is presumed that the question relates to Government servants in the Public Health Department. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(இ) Does not arise.

New Irrigation schemes.

* 2386 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the Table of the House a list giving details of new irrigation schemes to be taken up under the Third Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) to state the amount of expenditure to be incurred during the current year in respect of such new schemes?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) The scheme for improvements to Palar Anicut and channels and the Sathanur Project Second Stage have been taken up for execution under the Third Five-Year Plan. A decision in regard to the other new schemes to be taken up for execution during the Third Five-Year Plan with reference to the requirements of various districts has not yet been arrived at.

(*b*) An allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs and an allotment of Rs. 7 lakhs have been made in the preliminary Revised Estimate for 1961-62 in regard to the scheme for Improvements to Palar Anicut and channels and Sathanur Project Second Stage, respectively.

Flood control measures

* 2387 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of SRI N. K. PALANISAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether the Government have represented to the centre to grant more funds to this State for taking up flood control measures?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : With reference to the recent floods in the Cauvery, the Government have appointed a Special Officer of the Grade of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., for examining, investigating and formulating long term proposals for combating floods and mitigating flood effects in the Cauvery basin. The Government of India will be approached for necessary financial and other assistance soon after the proposals are investigated and finalised in respect of flood control schemes, as well as drainage, anti-water logging and anti sea erosion schemes, if any.

Bridge, Manakudy.

* 2388 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the scheme for constructing a bridge between the East and West Manakudy Fishermen's villages in Kanyakumari district stands at present ; and